

**GOVERNOR'S P-20 COUNCIL
MINUTES
General Meeting- March 22, 2007
10:00 a.m.**

Location: 1700 W. Washington
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present: Governor Janet Napolitano, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Cathleen Barton, Amy Besing, Mark Bryce, Ernie Calderon, Susan Carlson, Dr. Angel Cabrera, Dr. David Curd, George Dean, Gregory Donovan, Dr. Sybil Francis, Lynda French, Dr. John Haeger, Bob Hagen, Jack Jewett, Cathy McKee, Superintendent Tom Horne, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, Dr. Douglas Olesen, Dean Phillips, Kristen Rex, Xan Simonson and Dr. Jim Zaharis.

Members Absent: Dr. John Shelton, Harry Garewal, Dr. Roy Flores, and Representative Ann Kirkpatrick.

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and indicated that Governor Napolitano would be joining the meeting momentarily. Dr. Glasper introduced the newest members to the P-20 Council:

- Bill Putnam – Senior Vice President of USAA – appointed as a business representative, and
- Tucson Mayor Robert Walkup (the Mayor was not in attendance).

Dr. Glasper introduced Dr. Linda Wallinger, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction with the Virginia Department of Education, who will be providing the Council with an overview of Virginia's Senior Year Plus Program.

Governor Napolitano joined the meeting and provided opening remarks. The Governor indicated that she was working in collaboration with the State Board of Education, the Legislature, the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona Board of Regents, higher education institutions and others to move the Council recommendations forward. The Governor indicated that she was working hard for education priorities in the budget, such as raising teacher pay, investing in the Master Teacher and professional development programs, building our capacity to expand math and science education, and addressing assessments to determine post secondary and workforce preparedness.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 12, 2006**

There being no discussion or corrections to the minutes, Ernie Calderon moved approval of the December 12, 2006 Governor's P-20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by George Dean and unanimously approved.

3. Presentation and Discussion: Virginia Senior Year Plus Initiative

Dr. Linda M. Wallinger, Assistant Superintendent at the Virginia Department of Education presented information to the Council on the Virginia Senior Year Plus Initiative, which is part of Governor Warner's *Education for a Lifetime Initiative*. The Initiative was designed to transform the senior year of high school, offer new options for students to get a jump on their college careers and/or achieve an industry certification. Dr. Wallinger specifically discussed the Early Scholars Program and the Path to Industry Certification Program. The Council engaged in Q&A with Dr. Wallinger on the specifics of these programs.

4. Committee Updates and Reports

- a. **Communications Committee:** Paul Luna reported that work continues to implement a short-term and long-term communications plan to build public awareness and support of the P-20 Council's recommendations as they are being implemented and to inform key Arizona constituencies. This work is being accomplished in partnership with philanthropic supporters.
- b. **Education Alignment Committee:** Dr. Karen Nicodemus reported that preparations are underway to begin a review of Arizona math standards that will compare the standards to national benchmarks and state post-secondary education expectations. Technical assistance will be provided through Achieve Inc., and recommendations from this work are anticipated by October 2007. Support for this work has been made possible by a grant from the Ellis Center for Educational Excellence. Also, the RFP for the Higher Education Feasibility Study has been released with responses due on March 26th. This project is being funded by a grant from the Commerce Economic Development Commission.
- c. **Education Pathways/Workforce Committee:** Dr. Jim Zaharis and Susan Carlson reported that the Committee would be meeting with Dr. Wallinger immediately following the Council meeting to learn more about Virginia's Early College Scholars Program and would be discussing in detail how Virginia increased dual enrollment, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, as well as the Path to Industry Certification program.
- d. **Teachers Committee:** Dr. Kino Flores reported that the TQS Committee will re-convene with the Council's Teachers Committee in an effort to finalize the TQS Recommendations and issue the final Report. The Committee will then work to implement these recommendations, as well as the recommendations brought to the Council in December. Additionally the Committee will review the results of the Teacher Working Conditions Survey. The Survey has been posted for statewide participation (March 12 through March 30). Final report of the Survey is anticipated by mid-summer.

- e. **Adolescent Literacy Committee:** Kristen Rex reported that the Committee held its first literacy forum on March 7, 2007 with over 80 educators, business leaders and community members attending the event. Through the forums, the Committee is working to develop statewide strategies to address reading interventions, professional development, diagnostic assessment, and public awareness of literacy issues in the middle grades and high school. Approximately 400 educators and administrators are expected to attend the three events. Future forums are scheduled for March 28th in Tucson, and April 25th in Peoria.
- f. **Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee:** This Committee continues to work on strategies to implement the 10 elements of a longitudinal data system. Superintendent Horne updated the Council on teacher identification and end-of-course legislation that has been introduced at the legislature.
- g. **Steering Committee:** Dr. Glasper thanked the Chairs and members of all of the Committees for their hard work and reported that the Steering Committee continues to be actively engaged in providing direction and oversight to the Committees in moving the Council's recommendations forward.

5. Presentation and Discussion: Proposition 203 – Early Childhood Initiative

Karen Ortiz, Director of the Governor's School Readiness Board provided an update and overview of Proposition 203: First Things First – The Early Childhood Development and Health Initiative, as well as a brief overview of the work of the Board and the Arizona Early Education Funds.

6. Call to the Public

The Council heard public input from: Dr. Karen Butterfield who addressed the Council regarding HB2376, which is related to the personal learning education plans. Dr. Butterfield asked for Council to support this legislation. Jane Jackson addressed the Council regarding the work of the Teacher's Committee. Andrew Morrill addressed the Council on legislative issues.

7. Announcements and Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Glasper thanked everyone again for their hard work and adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.